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Photo/TSgt. Patricia Collins

CTM1 Aric Albone and LCDR Michael Loeber, respectively the youngest and oldest Navy members assigned to U.S. Forces Azores, cut the Navy's 222nd birthday cake during a ceremony at the club Oct. 10. To the right are SK2 Darin Huddleston and YN1 Lynlee Brooks. The Navy's actual birthday was Monday.

Warnings, preparation help people weather the storms

Commentary
Maj. David Conley
Chief of safety

About a month ago, I remember my son, Andrew, asking me what was a blessing in disguise? After answering the maybe not so obvious to an 11 year old, I told him my question referred to what was then tropical storm Erika.

What I meant was our community spent six days preparing for the worst of what could have happened if we had gotten hit by the full force of the storm. So I told him we got a chance to practice what to do so the next time, we'd be ready.

However, early last week we experienced some very high winds, the kind that would be very typical of the winter months here on the island. The difference was the lack of intensity in preparation as opposed to during the tropical storm.

To put things in perspective, at

approximately 6:20 p.m. on Sept. 15th, in advance of Erika, Lajes Field recorded a maximum wind gust of 105 mph. On Oct. 7 at 10:09 p.m., the weather shop again recorded a maximum wind gust of 105 mph which blew some of the roof tiles off Joe Raposo's house.

This just serves to prove the old adage that "everything is relative" but more importantly, high winds can create a dangerous situation whether accompanied by a tropical storm or not.

To give you an idea of the physical effects the winds can produce, you'll find on Page 5 the Beaufort Scale Wind Effects Chart (courtesy of Petty Officer Fredrick Baker, Naval Air Station Keflavic, Iceland) to be used as a tool for personal risk management.

As you will see at Beaufort number 9, the wind can start causing damaging effects at around 50 to 55 mph which is our lowest level, wind condition 1 warning. Based on facts like these, we as individuals need to establish our own per-

sonal limits to when we need to take proper safety precautions and shelter from adverse weather.

In addition, coming in the next few weeks, we will see a difference on how the 65th Operations Support Squadron Weather Flight, in conjunction with Det. 6 Air Force News Service, will issue and broadcast weather advisories, watches and warnings. This will give us, the general public, more specific information on not just high winds, but on other adverse weather conditions such as lightning and heavy rain.

One thing to keep in mind is that high winds and adverse weather is a way of life for our Azorean hosts which have adapted and are able to coexist with it. However, with timely and accurate forecasted information coupled with proper preparation, we all can be ready to weather the storms and have a safe winter season.

Beaufort Chart on Page 5

'Da bears

Liana Veltman looks over a potential gift during the grand opening of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service's Toyland store Monday. Toyland was located in Bldg. T-800, (the warehouse near the security forces squadron) for the opening. AAFES officials estimate that 1,000 people or more visited Toyland during the day. Toyland has since returned to its normal location in the lower exchange. Andy Louder, BX manager, said the opening was held at the warehouse because most purchases during the opening are lay-aways which saves shipping the items to the BX and then back for storage. It also provided more space for customers, better parking and room to display more items, he said.



Photo/SSgt. Rosaire Bushey

Recycling starts in housing

Beginning Tuesday, recycling will be picked up in military family housing. Recycling bins can be picked up through 5 p.m. today at the housing office in Bldg. T-408.



Recyclable items

- Aluminum cans (should be rinsed)
- Office and computer paper
- Newspaper
- Corrugated and flattened, non-corrugated cardboard
- Glossy magazines and catalogs
- Shredded paper (bagged)

Non-recyclables

- Aluminum foil
- Tin cans
- Trash
- Juice boxes
- Milk cartons

People should separate their recyclables and put them in garbage bags. Bags should then be placed inside bins in trash sheds or other areas.

police blotter

The police blotter are true incidents affecting members of the Lajes community for the period of Oct. 2-8.

ASSAULT

Oct. 6 – Assault, T-121/club. A member's spouse was involved in a fight with a civilian after a argument escalated.

DAMAGE TO PRIVATE PROPERTY

Oct. 3 – Damage to private property/unsecured, off-base. Person(s) unknown entered a civilian's vehicle and damaged the steering column.

LARCENY

Oct. 2 – Theft of private property/secure, T-1506/Beira Mar. Person(s) unknown broke into member's POV and stole several items.

Oct. 3 – Theft of private property/unsecure, T-233/DODDS. Person(s) unknown stole a gym bag belonging to family member which contained several miscellaneous items.

Oct. 6 – Theft of private property/secure, T-1563/Beira Mar. Person(s) unknown stole a license plate off a member's vehicle.

VANDALISM

Oct. 6 – Damage to government property, T-144/billeting. Person(s) unknown damaged a POV by placing a scratch running from the passenger side front fender to rear fender of the vehicle.

VEHICLE ACCIDENTS

Oct. 2 - Major GOV-POV/off-base/no injuries, Agualva. A Marine driving a GOV was traveling through an intersection and was hit by a local national. Damage to the GOV consisted of a passenger side bumper being dented and scratched. Damage to the POV consisted of the windshield and drivers side of the vehicle being heavily damaged.

Oct. 3 – GOV- POV, Agualva. A Marine driving a GOV dump truck was traveling on narrow road and hit an oncoming bus. Damage to the bus consisted of a damaged drivers side mirror.

Oct. 7 – T-233/DODDS, Minor POV-POV/no injuries/off-base. While backing out a parking space the driver of vehicle No. 1 hit parked vehicle No. 2. Damage to vehicle No. 1 consisted of a dented right front bumper. Damage to vehicle No. 2 consisted of a dented left rear wheel well.

Incident	Oct. 2-8	97 YTD
Assaults	2	11
Domestic assaults	0	3
Burglary	0	31
B&E/sheds	0	28
B&E/Govt. Bldgs.	0	26
Larceny	3	111
Unsecured buildings	0	146
Vehicle accidents	3	68
DUI	0	3
Vandalism	2	70

Team Lajes...

CCAF graduates

The following people were awarded their Community College of the Air Force associate degrees Oct. 2.

65th Operations Support Squadron — SSgt. Brian Ackerman, SrA. David Gray and SrA. Anna Gulley

65th Security Forces Squadron — SMSgt. James Duval, SSgt. Jody Hawk and SSgt. Luis Hernandez

65th Communications Squadron — SSgt. David Earl, TSgt. Angela Lipscomb and MSgt. Audrey Magnuson

65th Supply Squadron — MSgt. Calvin Fulton and SrA. Kathryn Roe

629th Air Mobility Support Squadron — SrA. Samuel Krajnovich

65th Transportation Squadron — TSgt. Theodore Kennedy

65th Medical Group — SSgt. Willie May and SSgt. Denise Thompson

65th Logistics Group — SMSgt. Franklin Smith

65th Civil Engineer Squadron — TSgt. Quinton Yoakum

U.S. Forces Azores — TSgt. Kevin Veit

Births

TSgt. Parry and Deanna Campbell had a son, Isaiah Lyn, Aug 15 in Angra.

SSgt. Rene and Sonia Cardona had a son, Alec Antonio, July 28 at Luke AFB, Ariz.

Awards

TSgt. Kevin Veit, U.S. Forces Azores, was awarded a Commendation by the Portuguese Air Force for his 'exceptional professional qualities in all contacts he established with Headquarters, Azores Air Zone.' The Commendation was from Brig. Gen. Jorge Victor Lindner Costa, Commander, HAAZ.

The following are quarterly award winners for July through September.

65th Communications Squadron

Company Grade Officer - **Capt. John Rankin**; Senior Noncommissioned Officer - **MSgt. Mark Martin**; NCO - **TSgt. Jeffrey Crim**; and Airman - **SrA. Art Otarola**.

65th Operations Support Squadron

CGO - **Capt. Robert Mazany**; Sr. NCO - **MSgt. Rich Blume**; NCO - **TSgt. Al Stiverson**; Airman - **SrA. Shane Griego**; and Civilian - **Carlos Rocha**

New chief sends message to field



CHIEF OF STAFF
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

To the Men and Women of the Air Force

As I begin my tenure as the Chief of Staff, I, along with my wife Jane, look forward to the challenges ahead. We are honored to have the opportunity to represent the men and women of the greatest air and space force in the world.

We, the Air Force, will remain absolutely committed to a full partnership in America's joint military team. The capabilities we provide come from a well trained, well equipped, and seamlessly organized force. The strength of this force has always been, and will continue to be, our people—the active duty, guard, reserves, and civilians who make-up the Air Force family. Our people are the strength of our past and the foundation of our future. You, the men and women of the our Air Force and your families, have our total commitment.

I look forward to serving with you as your Chief, as we take the best air and space force in the world into the next century.

Michael E. Ryan
MICHAEL E. RYAN
General, USAF
Chief of Staff



Lajes Team Players



SrA. Cheri Pagan

Unit - 65th Communications Squadron

DEROS - Dec. 1998

How do you contribute to the Team Lajes mission - I provide information management support for the information systems flight.

Like least about Lajes - The weather.

Like most about Lajes - The friends I've made.



Photo/SSgt. Rosaire Bushey

Firefighter open house

Teams compete in trying to push a ball across the opponents marker with fire hoses - one of the many events during the base fire department's open house which was held Saturday and closed out Fire Prevention Week. The station also hosted a parade through base and local Portuguese fire departments as well as base organizations participated in the events.

Town hall meeting focuses on cottages

By TSgt. Patricia Collins
NCOIC, public affairs

Editor's note: The following is a continuation of an article begun last week.

Following are more questions and answers addressed at the town hall meeting held Oct. 1 at the community center between cottage owners and 65th Air Base Wing leadership.

Question: Is the base making money off current utility rates, especially electricity, being charged to cottage owners?

Answer: We are not making a profit off of cottage owners utility rates. There are several different utility rates made up of different factors such as military labor. Air Combat Command has a system in place to determine utility rates. Cottage owners do pay a higher rate than host tenant organizations. That's because some organizations are exempt from paying military labor. Cottage owners pay what we pay to generate these utilities.

Question: How do base electrical rates compare to local Por-

tuguese rates?

Answer: The current rate, based on the escudo rates is about the same. You may pay a little bit more, but when you consider taxes and flat rates charged for electrical potential, you pay less on base.

Question: Will the utilities for the 11 cottages on base also be converted to local power?

Answer: According to the AFI, we should not be supplying power once a commercial source is available. So our long-term objective will be to convert these as well.

Question: I got a letter last year that justified why electrical rates were going up. It said one of the reasons was to upgrade the system. Are people on Santa Rita hill paying for a system we'll be cut off from?

Answer: I'm not sure that's true. Upgrades have already been made. Those are costs that have already been incurred.

Question: Is it true wing leadership discourages people from buying cottages on Santa Rita hill?

Answer: We don't want to discourage anyone from living on

Santa Rita Hill. Our concern is for quality, affordable housing for every person at Lajes. We need to get information out so people can make an informed decisions. We want people to know about Dec. 31, 2002; we want them to know about the transference of utilities; and most importantly, we want them to have all the facts, regardless of location.

Question: Many people think we become cottage owners simply because we'll make money. That's not the case. When we got here there was no other housing available. What is being done to provide adequate housing?

Answer: We agree. There has been a shortage of housing off-base and the housing office has worked very, very hard to turn this around. We think we are succeeding. Changes have been made that make it easier for owners to rent their homes to military members.

Question: What is the status quo of the land rental for cottages on Air Base 4 property?

Answer: It is a different lease agreement than the individual ones

with off-base cottage owners. More information on this will be forth coming.

Question: What are new-comers told at Right Start about living on Santa Rita Hill?

Answer: In a nutshell, we tell them, "Look around before you make your housing decision. Make sure you know what you're getting into and make sure you know all the implications. Make sure you know what the crime rate is of the area you are considering living in. There are several housing alternatives to choose from and you need to make the right choice for you. We aren't discouraging you from living on Santa Rita Hill. We just want you to have all the facts."

The last article
in the series will
appear in next
week's
Crossroads.

From Page 1

Beaufort scale

The Beaufort Wind Speed Table gives the estimated wind speed and its associated effects on land. It was designed in the 1800's to give forecasters a manual means of estimating the weather and has been proven a very reliable tool. The high end of the scale can be used as a personal risk management tool to judge wind velocities and correlate with necessary outdoor activities at those times.

Beaufort Number	Description	KTS	MPH	Effects on land
1	Calm	< 1	<1	Calm, smoke rises vertically
2	Light air	1.3	1.3	Direction of wind shown by smoke drift but not by wind vane
3	Gentle breeze	4.6	4.7	Wind felt on face, leaves rustle, ordinary vanes moved by wind
4	Moderate breeze	11-16	13-18	Raises dust and loose papers, small branches are moved
5	Fresh breeze	17-21	19-24	Small trees in leaf begin to sway, crested waves form on inland waters
6	Strong breeze	22-27	25-31	Large branches in motion, whistling heard in telegraph wires, difficulty in using umbrellas
7	Near gale	28-33	32-38	Whole trees in motion, inconvenience felt when walking against wind
8	Gale	38-40	39-46	Breaks twigs off trees, greatly impedes progress
9	Strong Gale	41-47	47-54	Slight structural damage occurs (chimney pots and slates removed)
10	Storm	48-55	55-63	Seldom experienced inland, trees up-rooted, considerable structural damage occurs
11	Violent storm	56-63	64-72	Very rarely experienced, accompanied by widespread damage
12	Hurricane	64 +	73 +	



Photo/Guido Melo

Appreciation

The 65th Comptroller Flight showed their appreciation for their Portuguese staff with a meal last week at the chapel annex. The meal, prepared by comptroller flight military members was a pot luck affair with deserts and door prizes as well. More than 40 people took part in the lunch. According to Maj. Terry Ross, 65th Comptroller Flight Commander, the appreciation lunch is planned to be an annual event.

Make a World of Difference

Give to the Combined
Federal Campaign

So Far...

51% contact \$7,461 donated



Note: Donations may not accurately reflect the number of people contacted due to the delay between contact and the decision to donate.

action lines

Col. Rod Gibson, U.S. Forces Azores Commander, presents Capt. Victor Baumgarten, 65th Medical Group, with a certificate of appreciation for his part in the Global Air Chiefs Conference Task Force.



Parking near the dry cleaners

There are three customer parking spots in front of the dry cleaners, but they are invariably occupied by Oceanview Snack Bar customers. Parking for the dry cleaners is subsequently hard to come by. Is there some way to get some dedicated customer parking for both the dry cleaners and the snack bar?

The Action Line is your tool to help Team Lajes. However, before you call, try to resolve your issue through the appropriate agency. You may remain anonymous, but for a direct answer, please leave your name and phone number. Items of base wide interest will be published. Use the following numbers to help solve problems through base agencies.

Family support	23122	AAFES manager	23209
Commissary	26124	Hospital	23615
Civil engineer	26113	Housing	26251
Chaplain	23411	CE customer service desk	23335
Security police	26114	Telephone service desk	119
Supply squadron	23832	TMO inbound	25168
TMO outbound	24213	Personnel flight	23612
Fitness or community centers or dining facility, call Ext. 21322 or beeper No. 169-1174.		Action Line	24240

I agree with your concerns, unfortunately, Air Base 4 turned down our previous request to designate/reserve six parking positions for dry cleaner patrons. Fortunately, after considerable discussion, AB4 approved the current three positions. Compounding the problem is that the signs were only allowed to be designated for a "customer" and not necessarily a "dry cleaner customer." With the snack bar next door, competition for parking in that area, is and will remain keen until Spring 1998. At that time, the cleaners are scheduled to move to Bldg. T-207 and hopefully the parking challenge will be improved for both snack bar and cleaner patrons.

Domestic Abuse Prevention Month

Mental health a resource worth checking out

Capt. Victor Baumgarten
Chief, mental health flight

Lajes Field - a subtropical paradise. At least it can be. But Terceira can also be a difficult tour. Many are here unaccompanied or are single. Except the single unaccompanied member dinners, what is there to do?

What about spouses without children? Jobs are hard to find, one channel of TV gets old fast, and half the year the weather confines you to staying inside.

Those with children have their own set of challenges. Homes seem to close in on you when the weather is bad for weeks on end, and there's no mall to go to. It takes one weekend to hit most of the tourist spots on the island, and then what do you do? For some people, the poorly repaired roads and the omnipresent road-bound herds of cows quickly become annoying instead of quaint.

No matter how you look at it, we are guests on a Portuguese base that's basically a Portuguese community with a little Americanization. Some people find the culture to be superior in many ways.

Regardless of who you are, you will have moments when the cultural differences and logistical problems of being in the middle of the ocean will cause hardship at home, work

or play.

Fortunately, we have many resources available to help you adjust to the differences and deal with ongoing problems. One of those resources is the mental health flight. Wait - don't stop reading because of those three words.

The mental health flight consists of three sections: mental health services, family advocacy, and the substance abuse control program. Mental health primarily provides individual and marital counseling.

Usually, no one knows who's coming to mental health unless the customer tells them. People come for a variety of reasons and may be seen only once or may return for several sessions. We have a clinical social worker with specific training in marital and family counseling, and a new psychologist will arrive on staff in November. We most commonly deal with depression, adjustment problems, and stress.

Family advocacy includes the exceptional family member program, outreach, and the maltreatment program. Most people are only aware of the maltreatment program, and usually connect it with being in trouble. While that may be true, the trouble usually comes before referral to the program.

Once referred, we conduct an investiga-

tion and present findings to a committee to determine if maltreatment occurred and what services should be used. Active-duty member's units are only notified when there is a referral. Notification is mandatory, and the unit usually knows about it before we do.

The EFMP program works with dependents with identified medical or educational difficulties to make sure they receive the services they need.

The outreach program includes a wide variety of educational classes and support groups aimed at improving overall individual and family functioning. Family advocacy includes two social workers for treatment and outreach, a registered nurse and an assistant.

The substance abuse control program administers urinalysis drug testing and ensures the base meets the required quotas. Substance abuse also investigates and assesses substance abuse referrals, which are usually due to an alcohol related incident. They offer evaluation, education and treatment to everyone interested. We have a certified substance abuse counselor in charge of the program.

With all the challenges of being stationed at Lajes, we also need to take advantage of all the resources we have. If you would like to learn more about the services we can offer, call us at Ext. 25177.

What historical places or monuments can be visited on the island?

Terceira has several places and monuments to visit.

In Angra, the first place to be raised to city-status in 1534 and a port-of-call for ships in the 15th and 16th centuries, perhaps the most imposing place to visit is the Fortress of St. John the Baptist. The fort is at the base of Mount Brazil. This 16th century military structure was built by the Spanish during their occupation of the island between 1583 and 1640.

On the other side of the bay is the Fort of Sao Sebastiao. The

fort is also commonly called "Castelinho" (small castle) and was used by the Portuguese and British during World War II.

On top of the city's park is the Memoria monument, an obelisk built in 1834 to recall the presence of King Dom Pedro IV on the island. From this place you can get a magnificent view of the entire city of Angra.

Other places to visit include the Museum, the Town Hall and the Palace of the Captain Generals - a former Jesuit monastery which features a valuable collection of furniture, paintings and other works of art.

The Se Cathedral and the Churches of Colegio, Sao Goncalo and Misericordia, display a variety of carved woodwork, glazed tiles, sculptures and panel paintings.

For more information on places to go or visit on the island - or if you have a question you think would be interesting for everyone or if you know of something people might like to know, call me at Ext. 23413 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays.

What type of government do the Azores have?

ask Ed



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The Regional Government of the Azores is an autonomous government. This government, the seventh since the region gained its autonomous status in 1976, is comprised by a president and five secretaries; they are the Regional Secretaries for Presidency, Finance and Planning; Education and Social Affairs; Economy; Agriculture, Fishing and Environment; Housing and Equipment. Besides the five secretaries there are also 20 regional directors who are responsible for other areas such as education, health, public administration, employment, tourism, commerce, immigration services etc.

Although the regional government is autonomous and can legislate independently from the central government in

Lisbon, it still needs to comply with national laws, especially in the areas of finance, justice and public administration.

Since the archipelago of the Azores does not have a capital city, the government's various departments are spread across the three major islands, São Miguel, Terceira and Faial. In addition to the government, there's also the regional parliament which is located in the city of Horta, Faial. It is comprised of 52 representatives, being 24 from the Socialist Party, (PS) 24 from the Social Democratic Party, (PSD) three from the People's Party (PP) and one from the Communist Party (PC).

The current government and parliament were elected Oct. 13, 1996 for a four-year term.

'Child Find' identifies those at risk

SSgt. Gary Johnson
NCOIC, family advocacy

A new baby, a new mommy and daddy, a new life is born every day. This new life is treasured and adored, however, sometimes things may not go as planned. That's why it is important for your baby to receive regularly scheduled check-ups and immunizations.

It's also important to ask questions when you feel uncertain or have concerns about your child's development. Whether you want to know how long your baby should sleep; when your baby should eat solid foods;

when your child should walk; how to stop temper tantrums; or why your child is not talking; it's better to ask than to ignore.

Every day children learn new skills. They are like a sponge, absorbing all the knowledge and stimulus surrounding them. You nurture, encourage and stimulate your child's growth and development.


Sometimes, though, children need a little more assistance in order to acquire a new skill. There are services available to help if your child is not developing new skills. A parent interview and developmental screening of your child's current functioning

level can best determine if further services are needed.

One place to receive information is called Child Find - an ongoing community activity that provides information and answers questions and concerns that families may have about their child's development.

Child Find identifies children, birth through 21 years of age who are at risk for developmental delays, have undiagnosed special needs or who may require early intervention, special education or medically related services.

For more information, call family advocacy at Ext. 25177.



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Top enlisted man says optimism important to service

TSgt. Kenneth Fidler
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SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. (AFNS) — Eric Benken has shaken thousands of hands in his first year as chief master sergeant of the Air Force. And for each one, he's had something for them. Optimism, he says, is what he tries to provide to younger troops, and leadership ideas to the senior noncommissioned officers. He believes in what Colin Powell says: optimism is a force multiplier.

It's all part of his job as the Air Force's enlisted adviser to the chief of staff and the secretary of the Air Force.

Whether it's at Osan Air Base, Korea, or at a small stateside base in the northern tier, he's out to get an assessment of morale, health and welfare to advise his bosses on matters involving the enlisted force. On these trips, he wants people to know the truth.

"A big part of my job is to make sure the information is correct, to keep the communication lines open and get the right information out to the troops," he said during his visit here recently.

He says the Air Force must deal with change.

"Our Air Force is 50 years old, and it's an air force that's changed every year for 50 years. We need to step up to the fact that we are facing change.

"When you go back and remember the days when you didn't have child development centers, family support centers, move-in housing allowance, variable housing allowance... those are gradual gains we've made over the years. For some to say we're losing ground, they are just incorrect," he said.

Benken, who enlisted in 1970, said the Air Force has been in a state of transition over the last several years and is trying to come to grips with what kind of force it's going to be into the next century.

"We have a vision of global engagement that

kind of maps out the direction we need to go from the vision standpoint. The challenge for us, in particular from a leadership standpoint, is to manage available resources and provide the leadership necessary to make sure we sustain readiness as we make this transition. It's a major challenge."

That challenge means going back to his view on optimism.

"If you're optimistic, you can do just about anything," he said. "It doesn't do you any good to be negative if you're outgunned 10 to 1. You're still going to be outgunned, so do the best you can."

On retention issues, he looks at the bottom line: "Do I want to work for somebody with a bottom line of profit or one whose bottom line is defense of our nation?"

"Being a military member, whether you do 20 or 30 years or even just four - you look back on that with a lot of pride.

It gives you discipline and sets you up for success regardless of what you do. You will be successful because of what we have taught you and the discipline we have given you."

For those who don't choose it as a career, he said they need to look "very, very carefully at what you have," when it comes to benefits, pay and compensation.

"The other thing to understand is that we as an institution are more concerned about our people than many other organizations in the commercial world."

He cited the example of the recent school teachers' strike in nearby Mascoutah School District, in which 66 percent of the approximately 3,000 students are military. Into the second week of the strike, parent groups on base began organizing temporary schooling should the strike continue. Though the strike ended before the initiative took shape, Benken gave the Air Force high marks for that.

"We said we have a problem," he said. "You might find on the outside that they say, 'That's your problem; that's your personal problem.' We take care of our own, and that's a very important thing to remember." (Courtesy of Air Mobility Command News Service)



Air Force Worldview

*ACC People satisfied
with health care*

TSgt. Anne Proctor and Christie Anderson
Air Combat Command Public Affairs

LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. (AFNS) — People in Air Combat Command are "very satisfied" with their military health care - more so than their civilian neighbors.

The command scored 5.6 on a 7-point scale for overall satisfaction during a second quarter Department of Defense-wide customer satisfaction survey of military facilities, said Maj. (Dr.) Kevin Hall, ACC Surgeon's Office.

The survey started this year and involved more than 70,770 respondents across DOD, with 16,383 in the Air Force and 6,615 in ACC. Overall, the Air Force rated 5.68 compared to a 5.4 score in the civilian sector.

An important national benchmark in health care quality is accreditation by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. All but three of ACC's medical facilities are accredited by the JCAHO and have consistently scored higher than their civilian counterparts on the JCAHO survey. Military facilities have been required to meet the same standards prescribed by the JCAHO even if they weren't accredited, said Hall.

By June 1998, all DOD military hospitals are required to seek accreditation by the JCAHO. The facilities at Lajes Field, Azores, and in Panama are not yet accredited because of their overseas locations, and the facility at Cannon AFB, N.M., is not yet accredited because of its size. All three will seek accreditation in 1998, said Hall.

"ACC's health care combines the best of managed care and the rigors of quality assessment. This brings a full range of medicine to our military mission as well as our family members and retirees," said Hall. (Courtesy of ACC News Service)

Pigskin picks

• Week 7 •

This week **Jeffrey Bone** took first-place honors with a 10-2 record. He'll receive a Superbowl XXXI mug courtesy of the 65th Services Division. Random prize winners were **Antonio Ribeiro** and **Merry Okie**, who will each receive prizes courtesy of Services; and **Dane McKenzie** who gets a T-shirt from the Army and Air Force Exchange Service New Car Sales division.

Winners can pick up their prizes at public affairs, Bldg. T-100. **Prizes not claimed within two weeks will be redistributed.**

Top 20 after Week 7:

1	Charlene Longley	70-24
2	John Thurmon	68-26
3	David Conley	67-27
4	Carmen Gonzalez	66-28
5	Daron Hampton	65-29
	Debra Huntley	
7	Randy Bialcik	64-30
	Chris Coleman	
	Jessie Miles	
10	Steve Cominsky	63-31
	Doug Hanson	
	Thomas Young Jr.	
13	Ryan Brownmiller	62-32
	James Faircloth	
15	Tracy Bigsby	61-33
	Parry Campbell	
	Henry Gonzalez	
	Jason McQueen	
	Dave Miles	
	Sally Reinhardt	
	Antonio Ribeiro	
	Doc Russell	
	Mikell Wetzell	

Bottom five

109	Hank Kennedy	45-49
	Emerita Lardon	
	Dane McKenzie	
	Irene Moore	
	Francisco Nogueira	
114	Geoff Fischer	42-52
115	Dave Hicks	37-57
116	Rebecca Mosley*	35-29

* Mosley began the season during week three.

**GET IN SHAPE TO PLAY A
SPORT --
DON'T PLAY A SPORT TO
GET IN SHAPE.**



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Volksmarch Terceira

Runners, walkers and cyclists turned out Monday to take part in Global Volkssport XVII. The outdoor recreation sponsored event drew more than three dozen participants who walked, ran or biked around a 10-kilometer on-base course. In all, 55 people walked the course while a dozen used pedal power. The outdoor recreation office had bicycles available for free use for up to 20 people for the event. Medals were awarded to all finishers.

Donations needed

The Lajes Fat Tire Bike Club is looking for used toys and bikes, in any condition, for this year's Toys for Tots Ride. Call Ext. 28755 for pick-up or for more information.

Youth sports

- A youth cheerleading camp will take place Oct. 25 from 10 a.m. to noon. Football camps will be held Oct. 20 through 23. There is a fee. For more information, call Dawn Boseneiler at Ext. 23273.

- Volunteer coaches and officials are needed for flag football and cheerleading, call Ext. 23273.

Aquaknights

The Aquaknights of Atlantis have slots left for the last open water diving class being held in the beginning of November. The price increases next year and limited slots are available. For more information, call Ext. 23294 or 26282.

Outdoor recreation is sponsoring a cave exploring trip Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. the cost is \$15 per person. To sign up or for more information, call outdoor rec. at Ext. 24140.





Trade Winds

Saturday

Lunch: Ginger pot roast, grilled mock fillet, vegetarian pizza

Dinner: Barbecue pork loin, fried chicken, ginger pepper steak with brown rice

Sunday

Lunch: Cajun meatloaf, spicy baked fish, chicken chow mein

Dinner: Stuffed green peppers, roast turkey, smothered steak with onions

Monday

Lunch: Spaghetti, lombo de porco, roast pork, turkey pot pie

Dinner: Swedish meatballs, gingered Pork, barbecue chicken

Tuesday

Lunch: Tamale pizza, balcalhau a gomes, codfish and potatoes, New England boiled dinner

Dinner: Lasagna, roast beef, turkey enchiladas

Wednesday

Lunch: Sauerbraten, jaegerschnitzel, salsicha a espanhol, sausage, pepper and onions

Dinner: Barbecue beef cubes, Mexican baked chicken, pasta primavera

Thursday

Lunch: Alcatra, pork adobo, vegetable chow mein

Dinner: El rancho stew, mustard dill baked fish, turkey pasta

Oct. 24

Lunch: Hungarian goulash, baked chicken, ervilhas a Portuguesa, sausage and peas

Dinner: Spinach lasagna, pepper steak, rojoes, diced pork and potatoes

(Note: Menu subject to change without notice. Daily hotline menu: Ext. 24248.)

Briefs

Photography contest

Entries for the annual Air Force Photography Contest will be accepted from Wednesday through Wednesday. Categories include military life, people, nature/scenic, creative effects and computer imaging and enhancement. Youths and adults are judged separately. Call Ext. 25255 for more information.

Youth center

The teen center is sponsoring a Praia skating rink party Saturday from 6 to 9 p.m. Call Ext. 21197 for information.

Halloween hay ride

The Lajes Youth Program is sponsoring hay rides Oct. 29 to celebrate Halloween. The LYP needs people to donate cookies for the event. Call Ext. 23273 if you can help.

Mutual funds seminar

The family support center will host a mutual funds seminar Tuesday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The long-term investment planning session is limited to 30 people. To sign up, call Ext. 24138.

Flea market

The community center will have a flea market Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tables cost \$7.50 each.

Mailing dates

The following are the postal mailing dates for the holiday season.

To the United States

Air letters/cards Dec. 12

Priority mail Dec. 5

Space available mail Dec. 1

From the United States to Lajes

Air letter/cards and priority mail Dec. 1

Parcel airlift Nov. 21

Space available mail Nov. 21

LYP slogan

The 1998 youth telethon needs a slogan and everyone is invited to submit an entry. The winning entry will receive a 1998 youth telethon T-shirt. For more information, call Ext. 23273.

Teen party

There will be a teen Halloween party at the old club Nov. 1 from 8 p.m. to midnight. Permission slips are due by Oct. 28. For more information, call Ext. 23273.

Haunted house

• The youth center is sponsoring a haunted house in the old club, Oct. 30 to Nov. 1, from

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Call Ext. 22369

CLASSIFIEDS

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• Bose Lifestyle 25 home theatre system. Six disc CD player, tuner, TV/VCR receiver, six speakers. Still in the box, never used, \$1,800 OBO, call Ext. 28224.

• General Electric 31-inch television - needs some repairs, \$100 OBO. Call Ext. 28288.

• Cottage, H-117, two bedroom, one bath, large fenced yard, quiet street, security shutters, newly renovated bathroom, new paint inside and out, \$4,900. Call Ext. 22452 or 28706.

• 1985 Volkswagon GTI. Good condition. Well maintained. Clutch, front and rear struts, front tires - all replaced in past 12 months, \$2,600. Call Ext. 21326 or 56150.

• Stairclimber, good condition, \$50 OBO,

also ladies mountain bike, \$80 OBO, call Ext. 28402.

• Bicycles for sale - Bianchi mountain bikes, eight to choose from, \$275 to \$1,440. Also Bianchi road bikes with Campy groups, Vittoria tires, \$580 to \$700. Call Ext. 28755.

• Cottage, H-184, Santa Rita Hill. Three bedrooms, 1 bath, 3 ceiling fans, mini blinds and curtains. Fenced yard and private parking. Call Ext. 24133 or 28523 after 5 p.m.

• Super Nintendo with turbo controller and 18 games, great condition, \$250. Call Ext. 28940.

• **WANTED** - Sociology of Deviant Behavior textbook, 9th edition. The book has a blue cover and is by Clinard Meier. For more information, call Ext. 28860.

Classified ads run on a space available basis for two weeks.

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7 to 10 p.m. Children ages 12 and under pay \$1.50; everyone else pays \$3. For more details, call Ext. 23273.

- The youth center haunted house needs volunteer guides and ticket agents. The haunted house will be at the old club Oct. 30 through Nov. 1. For more information, call Ext. 23273.

CE support group

The 65th Civil Engineer Squadron Support Group will have a Halloween bake sale Saturday at the commissary from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Festival of the Arts

The annual Festival of the Arts will be held Nov. 8 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the community center. Portuguese and American artists and craftsmen will be selling unique items such as baskets, linens, folk art, wooden items and more.

Proceeds from the event benefit many community and charitable projects through the officers wives club.

American vendors and squadrons that wish to participate in the Festival of the Arts can pick up contracts at the community center. For more information, call Ext. 93031 or 542729.

The deadline for contract submission is Saturday and they can be picked up at the CC.

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Tip of the Week

Courtesy - Lajes First Sergeant's Council

T-shirts aren't made to last forever. If your collar is frayed or sags so bad it can't be seen under your uniform, or if it's more gray than black, it's time for a trip to military clothing sales. Be safe, be happy and above all, be in standards. You represent us all.

Protestant schedule

Saturday — 6:18 p.m. -

Lutheran

Sunday — 9 a.m.

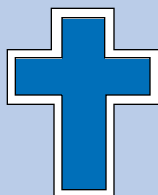
Evangelical service

Noon Gospel service

Catholic schedule

Saturday — 5 p.m. Mass

Sunday — 10:30 a.m. Mass



Thought for the Week

"As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love".

Jn 15.9

Because of safety regulations, strollers will not be permitted in the CC during the festival.

SUM dinner

The 65th Air Base Wing and Comptroller Flight, along with U.S. Forces Azores, will sponsor a single and unaccompanied member's dinner Oct. 29 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the chapel annex. The meal will be chili.

Legal retraining

People interested in cross-training into the legal career field must meet the following qualifications — have no convictions by court-martial or Article 15 actions, have a clear and distinct speaking ability, have a high school diploma and type a minimum of 25 words per minute. In addition to letters of recommendation, personal records will be reviewed and an interview will be given by the law office manager and the staff judge advocate. The technical training for a paralegal technician is six weeks at Maxwell AFB, Ala. For more information, call Ext. 23546.

School sessions

Beginning Monday and running through Oct. 24, the elementary school will hold group sessions for fourth through sixth grade students. The sessions will cover test taking tactics, study skills, self-esteem issues, strategies for handling emotions, organization and com-

munications skills. For more information or to sign up, call Ext. 26475 or 26216.

Parent group luncheons

The elementary school will host parent support group luncheons beginning Nov. 5. The luncheons will be held every Wednesday at noon and cover parental issues, advice and suggestions. For more information, call Ext. 26475 or 26216.

Toyland winners

Three people won prizes during the grand opening of AAFES Toyland Monday. They and the prizes they won are:

Gail Stewart - A boys bicycle

Hao Nguyen - A girls bicycle

Andre Dyson - A life-sized Barbie doll



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Well done

Sparky the Fire Dog gives Col. Segundo Pereira, 65th Support Group Commander, a high-five after a successful Fire Prevention Week campaign.

Movies

All show times are at 7 p.m. unless indicated. Movies are subject to change without notice. Call Ext. 23302 for information. (V= violence; S=sex; D=drug use; L=language)



Saturday

Money Talks
R

• Chris Tucker and Charlie Sheen. A small time con man is mistaken for a cop killer and a snatcher of stolen diamonds.

Sunday

Air Bud
PG (L) 101 min. 2:30 p.m.
Conspiracy Theory
R (V) 125 min.

• Michael Jeter, Kevin Zegers and Buddy. A golden retriever astounds everyone with his ability to score baskets.
• Mel Gibson and Julia Roberts. A paranoid taxi driver has one of his conspiracy theories turn true and he finds himself running for his life.

Monday

Spawn
PG-13 (V)
97 min.

• John Leguizamo and Michael Jai White. Six years after his murder, Al Simmons returns to Earth as Spawn and although he longs to avenge his death, he must choose between it and saving his family.

Tuesday

A Smile Like Yours
R (S)
101 min.

• Greg Kinnear and Lauren Holly. They have everything going for them except a baby - and while he's not sure, she's obsessed with the idea.

Wednesday

Air Force One
R (V)
118 min.

• Harrison Ford and Gary Oldman. When his plane is taken over, the president's military skills are put to the test as he tries to save his crew, family and guest.

Thursday

Event Horizon
R (V•L•S)
96 min.

• Laurence Fishburne and Sam McNeill. A prototype spaceship which disappeared on its maiden voyage is found years later - with its hidden secrets.

Oct. 24

Fire Down Below
R (V•L)
100 min.

• Steven Segal and Marg Helgenberger. An Environmental Protection Agency agent goes underground to discover who is behind the dumping of lethal chemicals in a mine shaft.

SATURDAY

08:30 Arthur
09:00 Rugrats
09:30 Are You Afraid Of The Dark?
10:00 Nova
11:00 Hometown
11:30 Burt Wolf's Menu
12:00 Headline News
12:30 Navy Marine Corps News
13:00 ESPN NHL Hockey
St Louis at Chicago
16:00 WWF Superstars
17:00 Soul Train
18:00 Headline News
18:30 ESPN News
19:00 Living Single
19:30 Malcolm & Eddie
20:00 Grace Under Fire
20:30 3rd Rock From The Sun
21:30 America's Funniest Videos
22:00 ESPN College Football
Iowa at Michigan
01:00 Headline News
01:30 MLB World Series
Game 1- Cleveland
Indians at Florida
Marlins
05:00 Headline News
05:30 Outreach Of Love
06:00 Real Videos
06:30 Hour of Power

SUNDAY

08:30 Kiana's Flex Appeal
09:00 7th Heaven
10:00 Monkey Trouble
12:00 Headline News
12:30 Army News
13:00 NBC McDonald's
Championship Game
Headline News
15:30 WCW Professional
Wrestling
17:00 NBC NFL Football
Jacksonville Jaguars at
Dallas Cowboys
20:00 NBC NFL Football
Denver Broncos at
Oakland Raiders
23:00 World Series Game 2
02:30 Headline News
03:00 America's Black Forum
03:30 CNN/SI
04:00 NBC Meet the Press

MONDAY

08:30 Fitness Beach
09:00 Oprah Winfrey
10:00 Port Charles
10:30 Guiding Light -
General Hospital
11:00 General Hospital
12:00 Headline News
12:30 Wheel Of Fortune
13:00 Today
15:00 Dog City
15:30 Eek! Stravaganza
16:00 Transformers
16:30 All That
17:00 Jeopardy!
17:30 ESPN News
18:00 Headline News

18:30 News 8/AFN News
19:00 CBS 60 Minutes
20:00 Murphy Brown
20:30 Frasier
21:00 NYPD Blue
22:00 Headline News
22:20 News 8
22:30 Tonight Show with
Jay Leno
23:30 ESPN Monday Prime
01:00 ABC Monday Night
Football Buffalo Bills
at Indianapolis Colts

TUESDAY

08:30 Body Shaping
09:00 Montel Williams
10:00 Port Charles
10:30 Guiding Light
11:00 General Hospital
12:00 Headline News
12:30 Wheel Of Fortune
13:00 Today
15:00 Biker Mice From
Mars
15:30 Bobby's World
16:00 Kratt's Creatures
16:30 Kenan & Kel
17:00 Jeopardy!
17:30 ESPN News
18:00 Headline News
18:30 News 8/AFN News
19:00 Lois & Clark
20:00 Abduction Of
Innocence
22:00 Headline News
22:30 Tonight Show with
Jay Leno
23:30 Late Show with
David Letterman
00:30 The Entertainers
01:30 NBC Nightly News
02:00 World Series Game 3
05:00 CNN Sports (JIP)
05:30 CNN Moneyline

WEDNESDAY

08:30 Fitness Beach
09:00 Oprah Winfrey
10:00 Port Charles
10:30 Guiding Light
11:00 General Hospital
12:00 Headline News
12:30 Wheel Of Fortune
13:00 Today
15:00 Garfield And Friends
15:30 The Secret Life Of
Toys
16:00 Big Bad Beetleborgs
16:30 Legends Of Hidden
Temple
17:00 Jeopardy!
17:30 ESPN News
18:00 Headline News
18:30 News 8/AFN News
19:00 Moesha
19:30 Family Matters
20:00 Melrose Place
22:00 Headline News
22:20 News 8
22:30 Tonight Show with
Jay Leno
23:30 Late Show with
David Letterman
00:30 The Entertainers

01:30 NBC Nightly News
02:00 World Series Game 4
05:00 CNN Sports (JIP)
05:30 CNN Moneyline

THURSDAY

08:30 Kiana's Flex Appeal
09:00 Montel Williams
10:00 Port Charles
10:30 Guiding Light
11:00 General Hospital
12:00 Headline News
12:30 Wheel Of Fortune
13:00 Today
15:00 Bonkers
15:30 Little Mermaid
16:00 The Tick
16:30 In The Mix
17:00 Jeopardy!
17:30 ESPN News
18:00 Headline News
18:30 News 8/AFN News
19:00 Friends
19:30 Mad About You
20:00 Caroline In The
City/Reeltime
20:30 NewsRadio
21:00 Law & Order
22:00 Headline News
22:20 News 8
22:30 Tonight Show with
Jay Leno
23:30 Late Show with
David Letterman
00:30 The Entertainers
01:30 NBC Nightly News
02:00 World Series Game
5 (If Required)
05:00 CNN Sports (JIP)
05:30 CNN Moneyline

FRIDAY

08:30 Sylvester & Tweety
Mysteries
09:00 Oprah Winfrey
10:00 Port Charles
10:30 Guiding Light -
General Hospital
11:00 General Hospital
12:00 Headline News
12:30 Wheel Of Fortune
13:00 Today
15:00 Timon & Pumba
15:30 Bump In The Night
16:00 Batman
16:30 Book Of Virtues
17:00 Jeopardy!
17:30 ESPN News
18:00 Headline News
18:30 News 8/AFN News
19:00 Clueless
19:30 The Simpsons
20:00 Star Trek Voyager
21:00 Millennium
22:00 Headline News
22:20 News 8
22:30 Tonight Show with
Jay Leno
23:30 Late Show with
David Letterman
00:30 CNN Showbiz Today
01:00 Uncommon Valor
03:00 White Palace
05:00 Headline News
05:30 CNN/SI